

it is not even an adolescent, it is a full adult competitor in the aircraft industry; and it ought to be treated as such.

We have tools to stop these subsidies. The WTO was designed to stop these subsidies. We are urging our government to be as aggressive as possible to demand answers as to how such a loan would be made, because we believe it will be shown that this is not a loan that was commercially available. Had it been commercially available, it would be available through commercial outlets.

This is a government acting as a venture capitalist for Airbus. We need to end these subsidies today.

MARRIAGE TAX ELIMINATION ACT SHOULD BE SIGNED INTO LAW

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask a very fundamental and basic question and that question is, is it right, is it fair that under our Tax Code 25 million married working couples on average pay \$1,400 more in higher taxes just because they are married. Is it right that under our Tax Code, married working couples, a husband and wife who are both in the workforce, pay higher taxes than an identical couple in identical circumstances who choose not to marry.

Mr. Speaker, it is wrong that under our Tax Code we have a marriage tax penalty suffered by 25 million married working couples; and I am proud that this House of Representatives has passed H.R. 6, the Marriage Tax Elimination Act, wiping out the marriage tax penalty for 25 million married working couples. My hope is that the Senate will join with the House and vote in a bipartisan way to wipe out the marriage tax penalty and put that legislation on the President's desk. My hope is that the President will once again keep his word and sign into law the legislation wiping out the marriage tax penalty.

Let us not forget that Bill Clinton and AL GORE vetoed that legislation last year. We hope they will sign it this year.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX FAIRNESS ACT SHOULD BE SIGNED INTO LAW

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the American dream. Of course, the American dream is different for everybody, but for a significant number of Americans, the American dream means starting up a small business, helping it to grow, and then passing on that business to their children.

Unfortunately, our Federal Government punishes these people who want

to pass their life's work on to their children. Approximately 70 percent of family-owned businesses are not passed on to the next generation. Mr. Speaker, 87 percent do not make it to the third generation.

This is no surprise when we factor in the death tax. The death tax forces families to pay taxes of up to 55 percent on the value of a deceased family Member's estate, making it virtually impossible for a small business owner or family farmer to pass that on to their family. This is wrong.

The House has passed the Small Business Tax Fairness Act which will deliver some relief from the death tax. I hope the President will sign it and help more families live out the American dream.

CENSUS BUREAU SHOULD CONSULT READER'S DIGEST

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, now, we have to love that government crowd down at the Census Bureau. I mean they are so typical government. We remember this crowd. They are the ones who did not want to bother counting the people just because that strange document called the Constitution requires a head-by-head count. What they wanted to do was sample.

Now, they showed us their efficiency last week; go home and check your mail if you do not believe me. They sent out 120 million forms to the wrong address. Check it. Every address had an extracurricular "1" in it.

Well, it still got through because the Post Office, being another governmental agency, knows how to think like a governmental agency so they figured out what the Census Bureau was really trying to do. But then they put all of the instructions on the back in every language under the sun. Well, not quite, but in 40 languages, they just overlooked English.

No problem, I know a lot of people are against English first in America, and apparently the census is too. But in it they did not put instructions in English. They have an enclosed envelope. I do not know what to do with the envelope, so I looked for the toll free number. The toll free number is not on the form.

So I just would ask the people at the Census Bureau, call the folks at Reader's Digest Sweepstakes. They will show you how to do a mailer, they will show you how to get responses and maybe we can get this thing done. But remember, they are the ones who are responsible for counting us. Does that not scare you?

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to

meet the week of March 20 to grant a rule which will outline the amendment process for floor consideration of the budget resolution for fiscal year 2001.

The Committee on the Budget ordered the budget resolution on March 15 and is expected to file its committee report early next week.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, March 21. As in recent years, the Committee on Rules intends to look more favorably toward amendments offered as complete substitutes.

Members should also use the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Congressional Budget Office to ensure that their substitute amendments are properly drafted and scored and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their substitute amendments comply with the Rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 3822, OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make an announcement.

Today, a "Dear Colleague" letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet next week to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 3822, the Oil Price Reduction Act of the Year 2000.

The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require the amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. In this case, amendments must be preprinted prior to their consideration on the floor.

Amendments should be drafted to the version of the bill reported by the Committee on International Relations.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2372, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2000

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 441 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 441

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2372) to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions